

In the Specification, amend the following numbered paragraphs as shown:

[0013] According to another aspect of the present invention, the undercut may also be formed longitudinally ahead of the plug-in bushing, which may be utilized to generate a clamping action in the same manner as in the case where the undercut is formed longitudinally behind the opening in the plug-in bushing.

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[0033] Fig. 1 depicts a sectioned view of the lower section of a plumbing fixture, namely a housing 1 having a planar seating surface 2. A base 3 having an aperture 4 is arranged inside the housing. A chamber 5 for accommodating a mixer cartridge 6 is formed above the base having the aperture 4. In the case of the example shown, ~~providing~~ the connection between the base 3 of the housing and the mixer cartridge 6 is provided by an adapter element 7, which is shown partially in sectioned in Fig. 1. An encircling seal 8 seals the joint between the adapter element 7 and the chamber 5 for accommodating the mixer cartridge 6. Another seal 9, which is also an encircling seal, seals the joint between the adapter and the base 3. The purpose of the adapter element is connecting the water lines entering the inlet end and, if necessary, also the water lines exiting the outlet end, to the hardware housed in the mixer cartridge 6.

[0034] A stepped bore 10, whose section having the larger diameter faces downward, i.e., opens toward the inlet end, is arranged in the adapter element. The end 11 of a line 12 is inserted into this cylindrical opening 10 of forming a plug-in bushing thus formed. A flange 13 that, in the case of the example shown, protrudes laterally beyond the end 11 of the line all around its circumference, is located at a

distance from the end 11 of the line. The flange 13 is held in place on the end 11 of the line by a short bushing 14. The line 12 may, for example, be either a rigid copper line or a flexible hose. However, the hoses that are used for this purpose are flexible enough to prevent them from twisting over the full extents of their visible lengths.

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